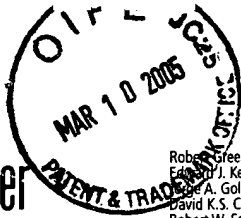




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Including Techniques of Universal Frequency Translation**
Inventors: **SORRELLS *et al.***
Our Ref: 1744.0630002

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
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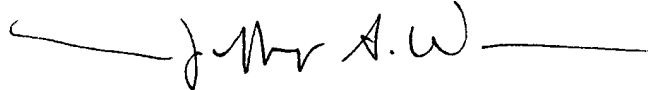
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 4, 2005 in connection with the above-captioned application.

Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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Document AB65 was cited in a Notice of Allowance in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/197,441, filed July 18, 2002, entitled "Method and System for Frequency Up-Conversion With a Variety of Transmitter Configurations," directed to related subject matter.

Document AC65 was cited in an Office Action in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/086,250, filed March 4, 2002, entitled "Applications of Universal Frequency Translation," directed to related subject matter.

Document AD65 was cited in an Office Action in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/590,955, filed June 9, 2000, entitled "Phase Shifting Applications of Universal Frequency Translation," directed to related subject matter. Also cited in said Office Action was U.S. Patent No. 5,982,315, which has already been cited in the present application.

Documents AE65 and AB66 are co-owned patents which are directed to related subject matter.

Document AF65 was cited in an Office Action in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/569,045, filed May 10, 2000, entitled "Method and Apparatuses Relating to a Universal Platform Module and Enabled by Universal Frequency Translation Technology," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AG65-AI65 and AA66 were cited in a Notice of Allowance in related U.S. Patent Application No. 09/770,675, filed January 29, 2001, entitled "Wireless and

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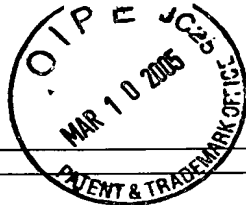
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